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TEN CENTS A WEEK

PROFITS WERE USED TO CONCEAL LOSSES

So Testified Superintendent of
Insurance Department.

REPORTS WERE INQUIRED INTO

It Was the Custom to Reduce the Book
Values of Real Estate and Charge
Reduction to Profit and Loss—Other
Facts as Testified.

New York, Dec. 23.—Stephen M. Smith, second assistant treasurer of the Mutual Life, was called as the first witness before the insurance committee today.

Before the session began it was learned that former Superintendent of Insurance Louis F. Payn would testify some day next week. Mr. Smith produced a statement of the net profits of the company from the sale of securities in the past ten years up to Sept. 30, 1905. This showed a net credit to the profit and loss account of \$12,826,429, exclusive of \$500,000 of International Mercantile Marine bonds that were marketed off the book in 1903.

Charles F. Preller, auditor of the Mutual, testified that he received the quarterly reports of those reports to the treasurer, and said it was the custom to credit profits and charge losses on securities to the profit and loss account. It was the custom to reduce the book values of real estate and charge the reduction to profit and loss by instruction of the president or vice president. The figures of the net profit were annually submitted to the president or vice president who would instruct what adjustment of the account should be made.

In 1904 there was a net profit from the sale of securities of \$1,936,410 and at the end of the year by adjustment there was charged off \$1,047,045, so that when the account was closed there was no profit shown from the sale of the securities, the book value of real estate being reduced so that all profit was offset.

A number of the reports of the net credit to profit and loss by the sale of securities of other years were inquired into by Mr. Hughes.

Superintendent Hendricks and Chief Examiner Vanderpool of the Insurance department, testified yesterday that they had never heard that the profits of the Mutual Life were greater than reported, and that the profits had been used to conceal losses.

This line of inquiry was taken today to bring out how this manipulation of figures was carried out.

Important Supreme Court Ruling.

Columbus, O., Dec. 23.—The supreme court today handed down one of the most important rulings in the history of Ohio criminal law holding in substance that the state has the same right to a change of venue as the accused. The matter came up from Madison county on the application of Attorney General Ellis for an order compelling Judge Durringer to grant the state a change of venue in the case of the state versus McCartney charged with murder.

Son's Disgrace Caused Suicide.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 23.—W. G. Mahaffey, a prominent and well to do citizen of this place, has committed suicide by tying a wire around his neck attached to his leg and jumping head foremost into a well. He is the father of B. C. Mahaffey, who was dismissed from West Point several years ago. Mahaffey made an earnest effort to have his son reinstated and the last two years has been devoted to this cause, and his immediate friends are of the opinion that this bore heavily on his mind.

German Students Elected Officers.

New York, Dec. 23.—At the annual meeting of the society of former German university students held in this city yesterday Dr. Hugo Switzer was elected president and Dr. Carl Beck, the retiring head, was chosen honorary president. The announcement was made that Prince Henry, of Prussia, had accepted election as honorary member. Dr. George Wheeler Hysman, of Chicago, was elected to membership in the society.

STATE BOARD LOSES SUIT.

Supreme Court Decides Quarantine Case on Technicality.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—Because the injunction suit brought by the state board of health against the Atlanta board of health to prevent interference by the latter with the state quarantine regulations during the recent yellow fever epidemic, was brought in the name of the state board and its members, the supreme court of Georgia reversed the decision of Fulton superior court in granting the injunction prayed for.

The time has, of course, passed when the decision can affect the situation one way or another, because the state quarantine was declared off with advent of cold weather, but the decision will be of wide interest on account of the fact that while it is an apparent victory for the Atlanta board of health, it really leaves the situation just where it stood before the suit for injunction was filed.

In other words, the supreme court did not go into the merits of the case; it did not decide whether or not the city boards of health must respect the regulations of the state board; the court merely said the state board of health and its individual members had no right to bring suit as such, because the state board of health is not a corporation and the power to sue was not given it by the legislature by which it was created.

GIVEN DEATH SENTENCE.

Was Found Guilty of Assault on Circumstantial Evidence.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—George H. Turner, whose execution is set for this afternoon, was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth Lynch, which occurred last March.

Mrs. Lynch was alone at home in the outskirts of the city when she was assaulted and her throat cut open.

Her screams attracted the neighbors, but when they arrived her lifeless body was found in a pool of blood.

Turner was arrested, and the circumstantial evidence was such that a jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree, and he was sentenced to be hanged today.

Turner has steadfastly asserted that he is innocent of the crime.

AMERICA WOULD NOT INTERVENE

Was the Cause of the Suicide of a Korean Minister.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—Advices were received by the steamer Tremont that Min Yong Whan, the Korean minister who committed suicide when the treaty with Japan was signed, did so because America would not intervene. He left a letter to this effect. When his body was carried to a residence his mother took poison and died.

Cho Piong Sik also poisoned himself with opium when in his chair in the streets.

An uprising took place in South Korea not far from Fusan, but it was soon quelled by Japanese troops.

A state funeral was ordered for the suicides and a posthumous title of "True Patriots" given them.

Receives First Wireless Message.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23.—The first wireless message received by the Mobile station came today from the steamship Prince George F. Munson line, New York, to this city and thence to Havana. The Prince George telegraphs as follows: "Thirty-five miles off Mobile bay; will dock about noon. How did the Fitz-O'Brien fight come out?"

Crawley Shot by McCorkle.

Thomson, Ga., Dec. 23.—Sam McCorkle has shot and perhaps fatally wounded Claud Crawley near Wrightsboro. The shooting is the result of an old feud of several months. The full particulars have not yet been learned. Crawley's condition is serious. McCorkle has surrendered, although no warrant has been issued.

Child Killed in Runaway.

Swainsboro, Ga., Dec. 23.—In a runaway accident of a wagon and mule the little son of L. O. Glaze, owner of the team, was thrown from the wagon and became entangled in a wheel, being instantly killed. Mr. Glaze had been to Swainsboro and was on his way to his home at Covea. The little boy was 5 years old.

THORNS IN SIDES OF STRIKE LEADERS

Many Railroad Employees Fail
To Obey Strike Order.

MARTIAL LAW IS DECLARED

Temporary Military Governors Have
Been Appointed and Civil Law Has
For the Time Been Suspended—A
Few Committeemen Arrested.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—3:40 a. m. —The failure of many of the railroad employees in St. Petersburg to obey the strike order and the ability of M. Nemechaleff, minister of communications to move trains on all the roads except the Baltic roads are thorns in the sides of the strike leaders.

The flat went forth at last night's meeting of the workmen's council that traffic must be interrupted at all costs though this admittedly will be difficult on the Nicholas road to Moscow.

Trains are running with their ordinary crews on this line, but all the trains are heavily guarded.

The delegates will try moral suasion with the faithful employees but it is feared they will also resort to destroying the bridges along the roads.

The government has succeeded in arresting practically all the members of the strike and railroad committees.

Martial Law Declared.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 23.—A proclamation of the governor general was gazetted heretoday establishing martial law in all of the ten governments of Russian Poland and appointing ten temporary military governors general.

EIGHTIETH BANK CHARTERED.

Secretary Cook Grants Charter to the
Farmers' Bank of Adrian.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—The eightieth bank for 1905 has been chartered by Secretary of State Philip Cook. It was the Farmers' Bank of Adrian, Emanuel county, which starts business with a capital stock of \$25,000.

There were only thirty-one banks chartered in 1904, which was the record year heretofore.

The secretary of state also granted an amendment to the charter of the Citizen's bank of Hazlehurst, permitting it to increase its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Presbyterian Committees to Meet.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The committees appointed by the Northern Presbyterian and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches to arrange the details for the union of these two church bodies, will meet in St. Louis Dec. 28-29. The object of the meeting is to prepare reports to the general assemblies of the respective churches. The meeting will be an important one, the duty having been assigned these committees of having final adjustment of all the details for the union of the two churches.

Wickes Given One Year.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas Parmless Wickes, the lawyer who was convicted of attempted blackmail by means of the "Lewis-Jarvis" letters, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The charge on which Wickes was convicted was that he wrote a threatening letter to a person interested in a case in which he was engaged as attorney. This letter suggested a settlement of the case and was signed "Lewis Jarvis."

Mark Twain Entertained.

New York, Dec. 23.—Mark Twain was the guest of honor at the monthly dinner at the Society of Illustrators last night in the rooms of the Aldine association. Andrew Carnegie occupied the place of honor at the right of Dan Beard, president of the board and toastmaster.

Former Minister to Portugal Dead.

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 23.—John N. Irwin, former minister to Portugal, ex-governor of Arizona and Idaho, mayor of Keokuk, and head of a wholesale Mercantile company here, died at Hot Springs, Ark., today.

WOULD DEEPEN THE SAVANNAH.

Senator Clay Asks Ten Thousand Dollars for Preliminary Survey.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Senator Clay has introduced a joint resolution providing for a preliminary survey of the Savannah river from Savannah to St. Petersburg, above Augusta. An appropriation of \$10,000 is authorized to carry out the provisions of the resolution.

In presenting this resolution Senator Clay said he is acting in accord with a petition by the joint convention of the chambers of commerce of Savannah, Augusta and Charleston.

The project contemplated involves a large expenditure of money for the improvement of the Savannah river and as there is little prospect of the passage of a general bill regarding rivers and harbors during the present session, the preliminary survey will have to be specially provided for by a joint resolution.

MAY GO TO ATLANTA.

Mrs. Chadwick May Be Sent to Federal Prison at That Place.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, the feminine frenzied financier, who was recently convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for taking undue liberties with various banks, may come to Atlanta shortly.

Should she so decide, the federal prison will be her stopping place while in that city.

It is understood that Mrs. Chadwick has about given up all hope of securing her freedom, and has made up her mind to begin serving the sentence imposed by the court.

She will be sent either to the Fort Leavenworth, Kans., prison or to the one in Atlanta, with the chances in favor of Atlanta.

Her case attracted national attention during the trial and involved many prominent people.

ERRING WIFE RETURNS HOME.

Mrs. Granovitch Says Teitelbaum Hypnotized Her.

Atlanta, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Sophia Granovitch, who left the city with Henry Teitelbaum about ten days ago, has returned home, and is now with her family. Teitelbaum would not return from Norfolk, where he and Mrs. Granovitch were arrested.

Officer Howell, who went to Norfolk with Mr. Granovitch, states that Teitelbaum refused to return, and under the laws of Virginia he could not be forced to do so.

Mrs. Granovitch says the reason she went away with Teitelbaum was because the man hypnotized her, and she could not resist the power he wielded over her.

Japan to Control Affairs.

London, Dec. 23.—William Pichard Morgan, the consul general of Korea and former chief of the Korean legation since the suicide of the acting minister eight months ago, has handed over the legation to the Japanese embassy and the consulate to the Japanese consul general under he arrangement transferring Korean foreign affairs to the control of Japan.

One Killed; Six Injured in Wreck.

Memphis, Dec. 23.—One passenger has been killed and six injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central railroad, 6 miles north of Holly Springs, Tenn. Two of the coaches of the train, between Canton and Munro, were derailed and turned over a 25-foot embankment. Mrs. Jane Wade, of Sevierville, was crushed to death. Of the injured one will probably die.

Against Football as Played.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Cumberland university, Lebanon, the old college school in the south, goes on record as opposing football as it is at present played. As a result of the decision, reached by the board of trustees, no football schedule will be made for the year 1906.

Killed by Indians.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Laredo says that news has been received here of the killing of a man in Mexico of David Parson, an American, and a near relative of the late United States Consul General Parsons. No details are given.

DOZENS OF WORKMEN MARCHED TO PRISON

Between Soldiers With Their
Bayonets Fixed.

COSSACKS DISPERSE STRIKERS

Strike Closes Stores, Causes Imperial
Bank to Fail and Has Ceased All
Traffic—Electric Light Workers
Strike, Leaving City in Darkness.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The workmen of two of the three electric light plants struck yesterday evening and consequently the streets in the major portion of the city were in darkness through the night, the inhabitants being compelled to fall back on candles and kerosene.

The seraschik, mounted on the spire of the Admiralty building, again vividly illuminated the Nevsky prospect, as it did during the October strike, cavalry and infantry patrols guarding every block and machine guns were stationed at several points.

During a tour of the city a correspondent saw dozens of workmen between soldiers with fixed bayonets being marched off to prison.

A cache of arms and hand bombs was found near the Schlusserburg avenue yesterday, and a crowd of a thousand strikers of the Nevsky works was charged and dispersed by Cossacks, who used the flats of their swords and whips, but no one was seriously injured.

All Stores Are Closed.

Minsk, Western Russia, Dec. 23.—The general strike has commenced at this place. All stores are closed.

Imperial Bank Fails.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 23.—The failure of the Imperial Banking house of Maurice Nelken, was announced today. The difficulties are attributed to the political situation.

Strike Causes Traffic to Cease.

Kostroma, European Russia, Dec. 22.—The railroad employees here struck today. All traffic has ceased.

Yaroslav Railroaders Strike.

Yaroslav, European Russia, Dec. 23.—The railroad employees here struck today. All railroad traffic has been suddenly stopped.

Southwest Railway Employees Strike.

Voronezh, South Russia, Dec. 23.—The employees of the Southwestern railway struck at 10 o'clock this morning in obedience to the direction of their union. The crews of passenger trains heeded the trains to large towns before abandoning so that the passengers should not suffer.

Sent to Home for Old People.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 23.—In lonely old age, William H. Taylor, governor of Wisconsin from 1874 to 1878, went to live hereafter at the Old People's Home, established by John A. Johnson, near this city. Mr. Taylor's administration was a stormy one during the Grange movement, when laws for railway regulation, much like those enacted during Governor LaFollette's administration, were placed on the statute books, but were repealed by the next legislature. In a notable fight before the supreme court, Governor Taylor established the right of the state to regulate corporations. Since leaving the governorship he has lived quietly on a farm 10 miles from Madison.

Anti-Trust Proceedings Stopped.

New York, Dec. 23.—The legal proceedings against the so-called "theoretical trust," which were instituted two days ago by several theatrical managers, were abruptly stopped by an alternative writ of prohibition. The writ was issued at the request of Edward Lauterbach, counsel for the theatrical syndicate, and is made returnable next Wednesday.

Arrested for Murder.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—H. M. Smith, of the El Paso Herald-Examiner, was arrested at Diaz, Mex., and one wounded at Diaz, Mex., has been arrested by the Mexican authorities.